

Hazardous Waste: Your Business Responsibilities

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Very Small Quantity Generator Basic Requirements

Many businesses find it difficult to juggle their daily affairs and still have time to keep up with the regulations that affect them. This brief publication, though not a substitute for reading the actual regulations, may help businesses **responsibly manage very small quantities of hazardous waste.***

First make sure your waste is indeed hazardous, by using your knowledge about the waste you generate, or by having your waste tested by a certified laboratory. If your waste is hazardous; if you generate less than 220 pounds on a monthly basis and do not exceed this generation in any one month, your business is considered to be a "Very Small Quantity Generator" (VSQG). (Never accumulate more than 2,205 pounds. Use this rule of thumb to estimate how much waste you generate: Two hundred twenty (220) pounds of liquid waste is approximately half of a 55-gallon drum.)

While accumulating waste, very small quantity generators are required to do the following:

- Keep the lid on drums when you are not removing or adding waste to them.
- Label your drums to indicate that they contain hazardous waste.

- Keep track of how much waste you produce. VSQGs should never accumulate more than 2,205 pounds (roughly equal to five 55-gallon drums) of hazardous waste on-site at any time. VSQGs who either exceed the monthly generation limits or on-site accumulation quantities become subject to more stringent regulations.
- Before you reach your accumulation limit, have your waste transported to a licensed hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facility; a very small quantity generator hazardous waste collection facility or a solid waste municipal landfill approved to accept hazardous waste from a VSQG.

While accumulating waste, it is recommended that very small quantity generators do the following:

- Don't mix different types of waste (such as waste oil, paint, and antifreeze) in the same containers.
- Keep storage areas dry and secure, to prevent vandalism and accidental spills.
- Inspect storage areas frequently to discover any accidental spills and leaks.
- Reduce your waste generation whenever possible.

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When shipping waste, very small quantity generators have the following options:

- You may haul your waste to a very small quantity generator hazardous waste collection facility. Contact a DNR waste program specialist to find these facilities. Be sure to follow any state or federal rules that may apply.
- Some transporters with regular service schedules in your area may be available for more frequent waste pickups.
- Arrange with a licensed hazardous waste transporter to take your waste to a solid waste landfill approved to accept hazardous waste from very small quantity generators. Note: No solid waste landfill in Wisconsin is approved to take VSQG hazardous waste.

*Note: Some hazardous waste haulers or treatment/storage/disposal facilities require you to have an Environmental Protection Agency ID number** and to use a standard hazardous waste manifest form (***) when shipping hazardous waste. If a manifest is used, the DNR requires a VSQG to follow all manifest requirements and obtain an Environmental Protection Agency ID number. If you use a manifest form, be sure to route the necessary copies as directed.*

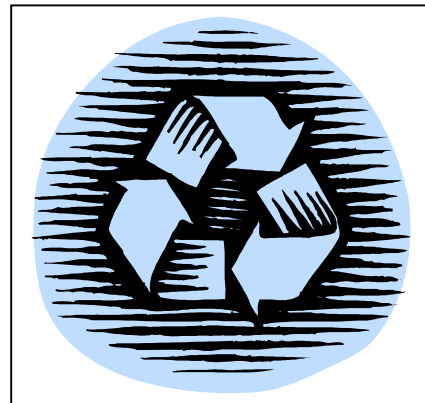
Less waste means less regulation!!!!!! 😊

DNR wants to hear success stories from businesses of all sizes that are able to reduce their hazardous waste generation and save money simultaneously. Other companies might benefit from your experiences. Wisconsin also supports several recognition awards for businesses that generate less waste.

Many waste reduction options are available. Contact

your local DNR hazardous waste specialist for details. (See next page.)

Remember, you are responsible for your waste, from the point of generation through proper recycling or disposal.



NOTES

* Wisconsin's hazardous waste regulations are contained in chap. NR 600-685, Wisconsin Administrative Code, available on the Web at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/wm/information/wiacssh.htm>

Or contact a waste management specialist from the above list.

** How to apply for an EPA ID number (Pub. WA 101-98). See http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/wm/publications/hazard/wa_101.pdf

*** How to get a EPA hazardous waste manifest form (Pub. WA-102-98). See http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/wm/publications/hazard/wa_102.pdf

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For more information, look up the DNR Bureau of Waste Management's website at
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/wm/index.htm>

Or contact the waste management staff at these DNR regional offices:

- Northeast Region, Green Bay
920/492-5800
- Northern Region, Rhinelander
715/365-8900
- Northern Region, Spooner
715/635-2101
- Southcentral Region, Fitchburg
608/275-3266
- Southeast Region, Milwaukee
414/263-8500
- West Central Region, Eau Claire
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